

## MAYBELL JUNE FORMAN BOYDEN

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Frances Smith Peterson, at Center Creek. One year later we went to be sealed for time and all eternity in the Salt Lake Temple. December 23, 1927 with George F. Richards officiating.

Our first child, Marie, was born May 27, 1928 at Center Creek. My husband's parents were so happy. They were the parents of four boys so the birth of a baby girl really made them excited. They were very good to me.

My next child was a boy. Ferron Jerome Peterson was born October 29th, 1929 at the Peterson home in Center Creek.

Jerome's mother became ill and died after a long illness on August 5, 1930.

Another son was born, John Arland, November 16, 1933 at Center Creek. We lost the farm at Center Creek during the depression and moved to Charleston to live with my father.

The next child was a girl, Sarah Luetta, born November 17, 1937 at the Heber Hospital.

Jerome went to work on a big ranch in Montana for the summer months. Then he got a job at the New Park Mine. On May 4, 1941 Jerome was killed in a car accident. My husband's father was still living with us. He helped with the children while I was working with the school lunch program. The next year Jerome's father, John J. Peterson, passed away. I purchased some ground in Heber and my father helped me to start building a home, on that property. (248 East, 600 South). We were able to move to Heber, so that the children could start school in September.

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Four years later, April 14, 1945, I was married to William LeVaughn Sizemore. A son was born to us on our second wedding anniversary. We named him after his father, William LeVaughn, but we called him Billy.

During our marriage I was able to persuade Bill to go to the Salt Lake Temple and receive his endowments and to be sealed to his parents. This happened on June 11, 1951. His parents were William Marion Sizemore and Frances May Coe Sizemore.

Then nine years later I lost both my husband and son, Billy, in a fire in the timber near Mirror Lake area.

It was my happy and fortunate blessing to meet and marry William Boyden. On May 2, 1962, we were married in Bill's father's home in Provo with Bishop Ray Berg of the Heber Third Ward officiating.

During the summer months we lived at Boyden's Boat Camp on Deer Creek Reservoir near the Wallsburg turn. I worked in the store there, renting boats and selling confections and sandwiches. During the winter months we lived in Heber.

On July 29, 1962, my daughter Sarah, lost her life in a car accident. She had been married only eleven days. It was through the help of my husband and family and especially the Lord, that I was sustained through this trial.

Bill and I traveled on several tours during the winters while the boat camp was closed. Once again I was called upon to lose a dear one. My husband was killed in a snowmobile accident at the Daniels Canyon summit on March 17, 1973. I never thought I would be able to stand this. It was through a Priesthood blessing that I was able to accept this trial.

In the spring, April 23, 1980, my son, John Arland Peterson, was drowned in a boating accident on Deer Creek Reservoir. His body was never recovered.

I was called to work in the Provo Temple and was set apart October 15, 1980. In this sacred House of the Lord, I received a special spiritual experience which has been a great source of comfort and help to me.

My temple work will continue. I have just received a mission call to work in the Washington, D.C. Temple. I received the call on October 5, 1984. I enter the mission home on January 16, 1985.

My other church positions and callings are as follows: Relief

Society visiting teacher, Mutual Improvement Association teacher, Primary secretary and teacher, Counselor and President of the Relief Society, worker in the genealogy library.

I have enjoyed being a member of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers, Camp Number One for many years and have held positions in this organization.

(I served a one year mission to the Washington D.C. Temple beginning in January, 1985.)

October, 1984

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